Photo sets¹

1. General information







1. Bus station

2. View from road

3. View inside village (2004)







4. Clinic

5. School

6. Village Office







7. Reeling silk factory

8. Silk Weaving Factory

9. Rice Wire Mill and Chemical Plant









10. A private enterprise

11. Pulling off the 1st floor

12. Family business

13. Family business









14. Fei visits family business 15 Market

16. A shop

17.Hair dresser









18. Changing a gas cylinder 19. Fishing

21. Harvesting

^{20.} Farming

¹. The photos were all taken by me in 1996 except a few photos taken in 2003 and 2004 by Hui Haimin and Yao Fukun (see dates). They represent only a small part of the material I collected on videotape and camera.



22. Miaogang Laotai temple



23. Remains of Laotai temple



24. Rebuilt Laotai temple (2003)



25. Inside East temple



26. Cleaned up East temple



27. Incenses in burned briquette



28. Inside East temple (2004)



29. Rebuilt East temple (2003)



30. Donations for temple (2004)



31. Inside West temple



32. Cleaned up West temple



33. West temple (2003)



34. A new land god temple (2004) 35. A Christian villager





36. Service in Miaogang



37. Pray for others



38. Zhenze Church



39. Service in Zhenze

2. Events for annual life and production cycles







2. Lunar New Year's Day (2004)



3. Selling items for worship gods







4. Spring entertainment

5. Evening gatherings

6. Evening gatherings







7. Lunar New Year tea party

8. Tea party for tasting new tea

9. Tea party for cutting rabbits' hair







10. Cutting rabbits' hair

11. Injection for rabbits

12. Wrapping zongzi for Qingming







13. Wrapping *zongzi* for Qingming 14. Sorting out silkworm eggs

15. "Silkworms flowers"







16. Rabbit hat

17. Long life drops in front & back

18. Tiger hat

19. Tiger suit





20. Making rice cakes

21. Making rice balls







22. Sorting out herbs for summer cakes

22. Tabing (summer cakes)





23. Picking broad beans & making summer picnic

24. Summer picnic



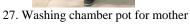




25. Visiting the sick with gifts (wangxin)

26. Gifts for kitchen god worship during family division







28. The elderly still work

3. Life cycle events (1) - Growing up period



1. Natal family bring gifts for before the birth event



2. Visitors in after the birth event



3. One month old birthday



4. Ataimo (a goddess)



5. One year old birthday



6. To be a guest



7. School rice balls



8. Jiujius bring gifts for sixteen years old birthday



9. The sixteen years old birthday boy worship a goddess



10. Set a fish free

4. Life cycle events (2) – Establishing a marriage relationship



1. Matchmakers and betrothal rite



2. Introducers and engagement



3. Dowry



4. Gift containers on wardrobe of bridal chamber



5. Father carrying bride



6. Mother weeping



7 Jiujiu's gifts



8. Jiujius checking gift money



9. Big red envelopes



10. Loading dowry 11. Lucky bamboo



12. A taking son-in-law (zhao nuxu) into family wedding



13. Welcome bride teams – either by boats or vehicles depending on the bride's family's locations



Labour support for preparation of wedding banquet 13. Writing a girts mor



16. Post wedding wanglai with agnatic kin of both natal family and married in family

5. Life cycle events (3) – House construction







1. Old house

2. Detached house

2. Semi-detached house



3. Gifts for house constriction







4. Setting a foundation stone

5. Putting up 1st floor

6. Putting up rooftree







7. A solid flower pot on roof 8. A large intestine for long life of house 9. A millstone for averting evil



10. Ancestor worship before moving into new house



11. Going to house completion ceremony

6. Life cycle events (4) – Funeral and postfuneral rituals







1. Pay condolences

2. Close relatives gifts for funeral

3. Mourning clothes







4. Daughters wailing

5. Priests chanting

6. Mourning







7. Making mock money

8. Agnatic kin help with funeral feast



9. A Christian funeral mixed with traditional customs









10. Son carrying deceased

10. Back from Crematorium 11. Bury

12. Bury for a Christian



13. Do the first seventh



14. Gifts for the third / fifth seventh day event







15. Priest worship land god, etc.

16. worship kitchen god

17. Worship ancestors







18. Burning for the new ancestor 19. Ritual also for the livings

20. Setting the new ancestor feast



21. Qingming sweep graves